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SUBJECT: CEAUSESCU VISIT TO ITALY, MAY 21-26

FOR USDEL MPT HELSINKI

1. SUMMARY: OFFICIAL PORTION OF CEAUSESCU VISIT TO ITALY WHICH
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ENDED MAY 23 WITH HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENOA, TURIN, MILAN, SAN MARINO AND OTHER POINTS NORTH, WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY JOINT DECLARATION AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS. AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT AND MEETING WITH POPE MAY 26, THERE WILL BE COMMUNIQUE WITH ANNOUNCEMENT OF INVITATION TO PRESIDENT LEONE TO VISIT ROMANIA AT UNSPECIFIED DATE. END SUMMARY.

2. ITALIANS GAVE HEAVY ATTENTION TO OFFICIAL PORTION OF WEEK LONG VISIT OF ROMANIAN PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. PUBLIC MEDIA HAVE EMPHASIZED THE CLOSE TIES (LANGUAGE, CULTURE, ETC.) WHICH LINK THE TWO COUNTRIES AND FONOFF OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED THE INTENTION TO SEEK A SUBSTANTIAL

INCREASE IN BILATERAL RELATIONS. OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO STRESSED THE ITALIAN AND WESTERN INTEREST IN ENCOURAGING ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE WITHIN THE WARSAW PACT.

3. AS WAS GENERALLY FORESEEN, THE MAIN RESULTS OF THE OFFICIAL PART OF VISIT WAS THE SIGNING (MAY 22) BY CEAUSESCU AND ANDREOTTI OF A COMMON SOLEMN DECLARATION SETTING FORTH PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CONDUCT AND ESTABLISHING A FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE BILATERAL RELATIONS.

ON ECONOMIC SIDE, NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED (SEE SEPTTEL). PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION, FONOFF SOURCES TOLD US THAT ITALIANS WERE MAKING MAJOR EFFORT TO BEAT ROMANIANS AT THEIR OWN GAME ON PRINCIPLES QUESTION. BASED ON EXTENSIVE STUDY OF RECENT DECLARATIONS WHICH ROMANIANS HAD SIGNED WITH OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, FONOFF OFFICIALS SELECTED ROMANIAN- DUTCH STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AS THE BEST EXAMPLE FROM THE WESTERN VIEWPOINT

AND THE ONE ON WHICH THEY SOUGHT TO IMPROVE. OFFICIALS, WHO LATER TOLD US THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN THEIR AIM, ALSO NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS QUESTION IN LIGHT OF THE DELICATE MPT DISCUSSIONS ON PRINCIPLES IN HELSINKI.

4. LONG JOINT DECLARATION CONTAINS USUAL LISTING OF PRINCIPLES WHICH ROMANIANS HAVE PURSUED IN OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS -- INDEPENDENCE, LIBERTY, SOVEREIGNTY, EQUALITY OF RIGHTS, PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES, NON- INTERFERENCE, ETC. IN ADDITION, DECLARATION CALLS FOR RESPECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOR EXPANSION OF HUMAN AS WELL AS CULTURAL CONTACTS. DECLARATION ALSO HAS STATEMENTS ON RENUNCIATION OF FORCE FOR SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES OR IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS AND ON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RIGHTS OF STATES, INDEPENDENT OF SOCIAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS, TO COOPERATE TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. IN

ADDITION, THERE ARE REFERENCES TO UN PRINCIPLES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW AS THE BASIS FOR THE PRINCIPLES AGREED. FINALLY, DECLARATION STATES THAT, IN THEIR INTERPRETATION AND APPLICATION, PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL LAW ARE LINKED AND EACH PRINCIPLE MUST BE INTERPRETED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE OTHERS.

5. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS THAT FOLLOWING CEAUSESCU'S RETURN TO ROME MAY 26 (FOR A PAPAL AUDIENCE), A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WILL BE ISSUED

WHICH WILL ANNOUNCE THAT PRESIDENT LEONE HAS ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA AT UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

6. FONOFF SOURCE WAS NOT YET INFORMED ON DETAILS OF DISCUSSIONS TOUCHING ON MULTILATERAL THEMES SUCH AS CSCE AND MBFR BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT NOTHING NEW HAD EMERGED AND THAT EACH SIDE HAD MERELY RESTATED STANDARD POSITIONS. VOLPE

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